SUBJECTS.

40. Amendment of Game law.

Finally, he said that, in the opinion of his Association, the existing Game Preservation Regulation did not effect its purpose of preserving game from extinction and, as a primary measure, they would ask His Highness' Government to recognise the status of the Peermade Game Preservation Society and to allow that body to elect a representative committee to draw up and submit to His Highness' Government a schedule of such proposals as they thought necessary for the revision of the existing laws and for ensuring the protection of game within the Hill Districts of Travancore.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion about the appointment of a scientific officer to advise in agricultural matters is good and will be considered.

As regards the maintenance of the branch roads referred to, the Chief Engineer is agreeable to the proposal and endeavour will be made to put them in good order and hand them over to the planters for maintenance.

The suggestions in regard to the preservation of game are also good. The existing laws need improvement and any proposals the Planters' Association may have to make would be welcome and would receive consideration.

41. Reduction of tax on cardamom lands and opening of out-let roads.

Mr. K. E. Nicol (Member, Cardamom Planters' Association) said that it was his pleasant duty to tender to His Highness' Government the thanks of his Association for the material aid afforded to the planters and the ryots by reducing the tax on cardamom lands from Rs. 6¼ to Rs. 2 per acre, and for granting them fixity of tenure and also for sanctioning a sum of Rs. 10,000 for improving the existing roads and for cutting new outlet roads. He also said that inconvenience was caused by the delay in the issue of Survey plans and requested that orders might be issued on the subject.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

42. Opening of a dispensary at Mundakayam.

Mr. H. D. Deane (Member, Rubber Planters) advocated the opening of a dispensary at Mundakayom.

On the Yendaar and Eldorado estates alone they had employed on an average over 500 people daily during the past twelve months, while at Mundakayom where extension of rubber cultivation was making such rapid strides, at a moderate estimate 1,000 Malayalam people would be employed every day from December next. As it was, neither medical aid nor medicines were available nearer than Kanjirapalli, a distance of ten miles from the nearest estates and 15 to 20 miles from most of them.

43. Extension of Magisterial jurisdiction for trial of breach of contract cases.

Secondly, he urged that either the jurisdiction of the First Class Magistrate, Peermade, might be extended to the rubber estates, or the powers of the Third Class Magistrate at Kanjirapalli be enhanced so as to enable him to take up breach of contract cases which unhappily were of constant occurrence.

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